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By ALEX BARR

Soccer's future at St. Kilda Cricket Ground will not be decided by any "gentleman's agreement". Make quite certain of that. The decision will be made by the Australian Rules club Fitzroy and the cricket club.

Face the facts, soccer is at St. Kilda purely because at the time we offered the best possible prospect of the cricket club keeping its head above water. If any other offer had compared with soccer's we would not have been in the race.

Some people seem to have forgotten that before we got our leg in St. Kilda had tried Association Football and Amateur Aussie Rules.

St. Kilda cricket club have been very co-operative towards their soccer tenants. Of course they were, they had no choice. They had to raise money to keep the ground in condition.

But everyone fights to protect their own interests and that is exactly what will happen. Fitzroy have had a go at Carlton and seemingly are looking for greener pastures. St. Kilda have moved to Moorabbin, and there would appear to be a chance that Essendon will share with North Melbourne.

The cricket club will assess the financial prospects of having Fitzroy. If they appear attractive, Melbourne and George Cross could well get the boot right out into Fitzroy St.

And neither club will have a leg to stand on. No-one can claim that soccer clubs have a great reputation for sticking to bargains or gentlemen's agreements.

Juventus was a tenant at St. Kilda, presumably on a gentleman's agreement. George Cross had a deal with Olympic Park. Both obviously failed somewhere. They did a switcheroo.

Each struck a deal with the other grounds management. Their landlords realised what was going on and quite rightly acted in the best interests of their own particular committee.

But one thing is certain, any gentleman's agreement which may have existed went by the board and down the drain.

There is no good saying: "We did not enter into an official contract because of this gentleman's bit. The facts are that only a couple of clubs can legally enter into any contract.

Indeed, due to it's failure to become an incorporated body the Victorian Soccer Federation cannot enter into any contract or legal operation under the protection of company law or any other jurisdiction which is backed by anything other than civil protection, which of course applies to any citizen.

Some solid thinking is required on the part of all soccer officials. The Federation affairs must be put in order so that the Federation can, as Trustees, enter into legally binding contracts regarding ground occupancy to ensure that one day we don't find soccer back in the paddocks, where it all started years ago. The writing is on the wall; be sure of that.

It's a goal

It's a goal and Croatia's Jim Mackay can hardly conceal his delight. The ball goes into the net despite a frantic attempt to save by Lions goalie Heinz Wenzl and another Lions defender.

Crowd average is less than 2000

Twenty rounds of Soccer in 1969 drew a total of 231,500 spectators.

This averages out at 11,575 each weekend, or an average of 1929 per game.

The season should end with a total of over a quarter of a million.

Simple arithmetic indicates that no State League club can exist on the income from "gates".

Every State club is being subsidised from some outside source and the inevitable end MUST be bankruptcy, unless costs are drastically reduced and greater effort is made to attract bigger crowds.

More and more time, effort and money must be poured into the development of the home-grown product.

This, of course, means that youngsters from five or six years of age need the most attention.

Overseas imports should be progressively reduced and we must breed the game into the average Australian household, if it is ever to become a truly Australian game.

Until we DO make it Australian, Soccer will be a back number sport, in this country.

LIGHTNING FLAG

Yallourn Soccer club are holding a Lightning Premiership at Yallourn on September 21 for the Under 8 only, and are inviting clubs to participate.

The games will be of 20 minutes, with 10 minute halves. The competition will be on a knockout basis until one team remains.

To prevent any disputes fixtures will be drawn publicly on the day of the event.

If your club wishes to participate please contact Mrs. E. McKeown on Yallour 52576 or by post Box 29, Post Office, Yallourn. No later than the 13th September.

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Meals will be supplied and refreshments will be available at kiosk. Winner will be presented with a cup which they will keep for one year and will be entitled to defend it the following year.

TOMMY IS SO MODEST

If you said Tommy Wright, of Everton, was now England's best right back, you'd get a lot of support, but not from Wright himself.

He says: "It is not a question these days of being the best player in a position in an international team. It is a question of being in the pool of players....

"That's the way it has to be in today's game. No-one can play on and on in every international.

"At least two players of equal ability must be found for each position so that the team manager can use you, then rest you, in the best interests of the team.

"The great achievement is to be in the pool of players.

"You may pick up a load of caps or only a few. But you know you are important to your country."

YOUR LAST SOCCER NEWS

This is your last edition of Soccer News for 1969. The Victorian Soccer Federation expresses sincere thanks to all the soccer followers who supported the game during the year and looks forward to your continued support in the games ahead.

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FOOTBALL -WHAT A JOKE

By ALEX BARR

It could only happen in this travesty of what purports to be a game of "Football".

The Geelong-Richmond clash, which was reported as likely to be the greatest game of all time. (How the one-eyed press could ever hope to justify this I'll never know), was a fiasco.

That such unmitigated tripe should be voiced on the airways, on both television and radio, must surely be an insult to the normal sporting public. It must be time for other sporting enthusiasts to express disgust at the petty puerile partnership exhibited by the sporting editors and masters of the general publicity and news media.

It is often stated (quite wrongly), that this final series of mobile wrestling rates with the great sporting spectacles of the world. Nothing is farther from the truth.

I challenge any football writer or commentator to debate the issue publicly. What is original about Aussie Rules? Even the goal umpires are a relic of the cricket umpire — the uniform proves this. Even at a time when the cricket people have moved with the times and wear short coats. And as for those flags they wave!

Look. As long as I am the only one prepared to argue for soccer, and challenge the people who hold the success or failure of the ANY sporting code in their hot little palm (maybe greased), Soccer will never get ahead.

Did not Hermann Goebells, by sheer propaganda convince fifty million Germans they could conquer the world. All that keeps Aussie Rules on its feet is propaganda and all that keeps soccer back, apart from bad management, is a lack of publicity.

This being the final issue of Soccer News for this season, from now on, all supporters of soccer will get is a courtesy coverage of weekend games, "The Herald" excepted.

The other dailies restrict their "post-time" reporters to colorless previews and summaries.

I feel certain that numerous interesting and newsworthy soccer stories are consigned to the waste-paper baskets because they could stimulate interest in the code.

One would have thought that faced by a debacle the adherents and sporting Editors would have cried quits and told the truth and admitted the weakness of the game.

No siree. They indulged in verbal gymnastics in an endeavour to rescue something from the wreckage. Every trick in the book, every possible excuse was offered. And to cap it all, lengthy post-mortems posed the questions which are pumped in week after week until they have become cliches.

The pathetic attempts by commentators to instil some excitement into the shambles was pitiful. Having had some experience, I realize they felt they had some duty to the game, which helps them pay the rent. But surely this should not cloud their commonsense.

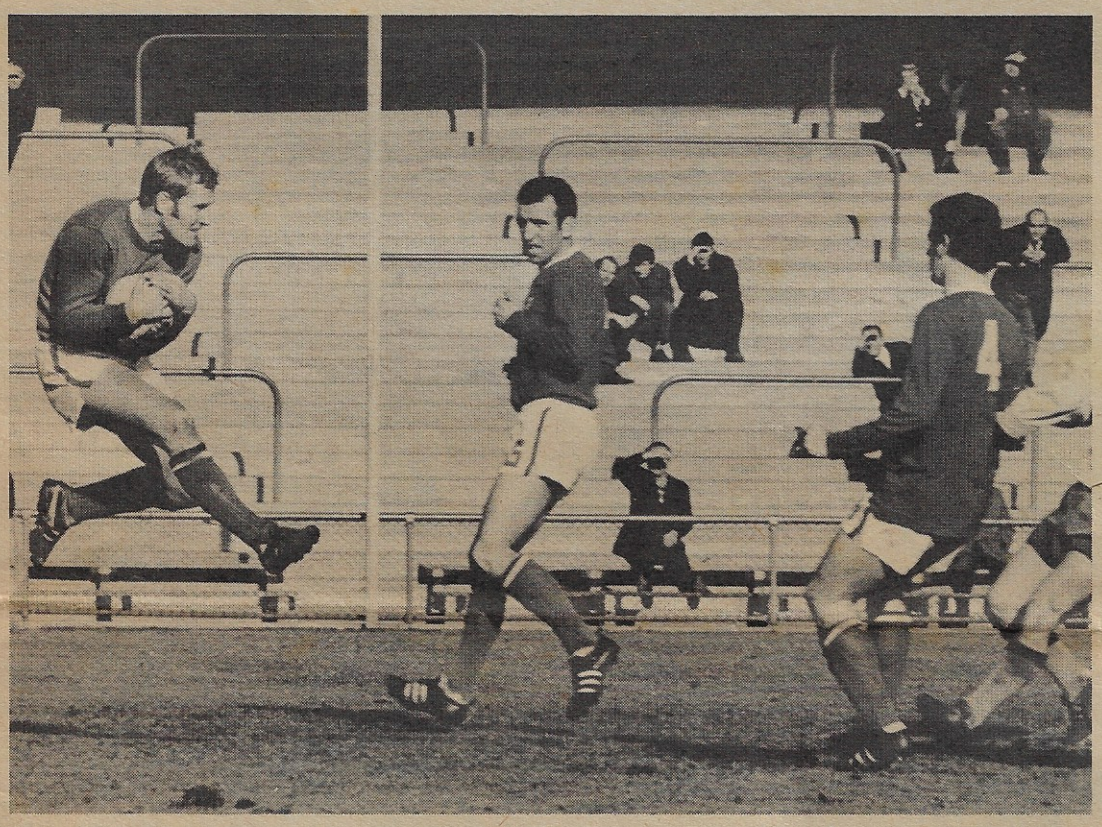
The listening and ultimately viewing public, are not all stupid. The score was on the board. It was a one-horse race. Attempts to dramatise it could only make any thinking person feel that if the commentators were in any way sincere in their comments over the season they should at least tell the truth when the writing was on the wall.

Questions every week take the following pattern. "When did you think you had lost the game. Where did they get on top. Did you think the ground was wrong for your side,? All this and heaven too. What arrant tripe.

I have said this before very publicly. Take an unknown sire and a dam of dubious origin and the off-spring has no chance of being a thoroughbred. Australian Rules Football has this kind of ancestry and the result, after this first semi-final, proved that it is a pitiful game.

I would like to point out at this time, that this is not intended to be 'Soccer news'. I hope that by these remarks, some which may offend certain people, I might stimulate some action by soccer authorities to get out and about and state the code's case.

As long as mass media is permitted week after week to jam this rubbish down the throats of the population, it will continue, and as long as the soccer fans 'cop it sweet' it will continue.



Croatia goalie Deiter Voigt streaks out to save well, watched by team-mates Williams and McArthur.

How to beat a defensive wall

Kurt Hamrin, the right winger of A.C. Milan, tells how to beat the "catenaccio" tactics — the defensive wall developed in Italian soccer.

In the International Football Book No. 10 he says: "Mobility speed and above all unpredictability are the weapons I have tried to perfect against the wall of defenders."

★ Pele has been playing in a Brazilian TV series recently. But no soccer. The Black Pearl is cast as a detective story writer in 'Os Estranhos' (The Strange One). He was eventually written out of the script, as Brazil had to play through the qualifying stages of the World Cup competition, the first time they have had to do so for 10 years.

★ Soviet soccer, which had a dramatic rise in field offences and ordering-offs in 1968, has, despite a clean-up campaign, failed to show any real improvement so far this season. Statistics show that the 56 players ordered off and 76 suspended in 1968 could be overtaken this year.

★ English Second Division side, Queens Park Rangers are bidding to get their players faster off their marks. For some time this season they have had Ron Jones captain of Britain's Olympic Games Squad putting them through their paces.

His obvious qualifications apart, Jones is well suited to the task. He doesn't use starting blocks, but prefers to take off from a standing start — almost in soccer fashion.

★ Under Brazilian law a player over 30 who has played for one club for 10 years or more can move without a fee even outside the country. Pele, 30 next year, has been with Santos for 15 years but has always been adamant he would never play outside Brazil.

— ALISTAIR COOK.

ATTENTION

The Ballarat-Geelong and Districts Soccer Association wish to invite applications for clubs wishing to join the above league, for season 1970:

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The juniors triumphant

Victoria's under 12, 14 and 16 teams returned to Melbourne, following successful tours to Adelaide and Newcastle.

The under 16s flew into Essendon at 7.35 p.m. Sunday after one of the finest and best organised tours ever staged in Australia.

Manager Gordon Culbard, assistant John Robb and coach Ian Petherick all paid tribute to the meticulous organisation of this carnival by the Northern New South Wales Federation.

Every representative side had a full time liaison officer and was hosted by a State League Club, who took them to and from all games.

They also took away dirty strips and returned them washed and ironed next morning.

All seven visiting States said that they wished the carnival could be in Newcastle again next year, for their magnificent organising had been far superior to anything experienced in other States.

Only top class, State League grounds had been used.

The final march past and assembly at Lake McQuarrie grounds was colourful and impressive.

Junior Federation Chairman and manager of the tour, Mr. Gordon Culbard, said: "This is the best team for spirit and enthusiasm, both on and off the field, ever to leave Melbourne.

We were all very proud of the way the boys behaved, throughout the tour..

Victoria's results were as follows: Monday, Victoria 2, Tasmania 0; Tuesday, Victoria 2, Northern N.S.W. 2 (after extra time); Wednesday, Victoria 8, A.C.T. 2; Friday, (Semi-Final) Victoria 0, N.S.W. 3; Saturday (Play off for 3rd and 4th), Victoria 1, S. Aust. 3.

Although the results, on paper, appear moderate, several factors have to be taken into account.

New South Wales went through the carnival undefeated and popular opinion was that they would give several Victorian State League Clubs a shock.

In the play off, Victoria was giving South Australia a football lesson, when injuries hit two Vic. players and South Australia gained 2 lucky goals.

A prominent Soccer journalist from Sydney declared emphatically that Victoria's drawn game with Northern New South Wales was the best football exhibition of the series.

Here's the junior Under 16 team photographed before they flew out of Melbourne. From left are: G. Culbard (Manager), I Smith, J. Bumpstead, K. Westrop, T. Petherich (coach), E. Cassidy, A. Pongho, P. Davies, G. Melitio, R. Keith, D. Walsh, J. Lucchesi, P. Harburn, F. Harburn, F. Tarquinio, R. Bens, P. Ferrante, J. Robb (assistant manager). At rear: M. Van Der Lach, G. Kotondis.

Coach Ian Petherick said, "They are the best bunch of youngsters I have handled. They listened to all I had to say and did their utmost in every game. I could not ask for more."

The under 14's arrived back from Adelaide on Friday morning.

They defeated South Australia 1-0 on Monday, Western Australia 2-0 on Wednesday night at Hindmarsh Stadium, under lights and 14 hours later, on Thursday morning, drew 1-1 with South Australia.

They won the series.

Manager Charles Cutajar and coach Paddy Sloan paid tribute to the skill of the boys on the field and their wonderful behaviour throughout the tour. They were a credit to Victoria.

On Tuesday the S.A. Federation took the under 12's and 14's of Victoria, the West Australian Juniors and the N.S.W. High School team on a picnic to the Barossa Valley.

They visited the Seppelt winery and factory and had a wonderful day.

Both the under 12's and under 14's paid tribute to the fine organisation of the South Australian Federation.

The under 12's returned on Saturday morning after

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STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Footscray J.U.S.T.	21	11	7	3	42	24	29
Ring. City Wilh.	21	12	4	5	43	20	28
Juventus	21	12	4	5	48	23	28
Croatia	21	11	3	7	38	22	25
Hakoah	21	9	6	6	31	27	24
Lions	21	10	2	9	37	40	22
Sth. Melb. Hellas	21	9	3	9	39	37	21
Melbourne	21	6	6	9	33	35	18
Polonia	21	7	4	10	20	36	18
Pt. Melb. Slavia	21	6	5	10	21	33	17
George Cross	21	7	1	13	25	45	15
Box Hill	21	2	3	16	24	59	7

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Ring. City Wilh.	21	14	6	1	65	22	34
Juventus	20	13	4	3	49	16	30
Melbourne	20	11	3	6	30	24	25
Polonia	21	10	4	7	36	30	24
Pt. Melb. Slavia	21	10	2	9	28	34	22
Hakoah	21	7	7	7	33	29	21
Lions	21	7	7	7	33	34	21
Footscray J.U.S.T.	21	8	5	8	32	39	21
Sth. Melb. Hellas	21	6	4	11	18	32	16
Box Hill	21	5	2	14	31	53	12
Croatia	21	4	4	13	21	38	12
George Cross	19	2	6	11	28	53	10

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Prahran	22	14	3	5	55	28	31
Richmond	22	13	4	5	48	30	30
Green Gully Ajax	22	14	1	7	48	24	29
Yallourn	22	12	4	6	50	31	28
Frankston City	22	12	4	6	43	33	28
Brunswick Athena	22	10	7	5	44	32	27
Waverley	22	11	2	9	42	33	24
Albion Rovers	22	9	3	10	37	39	21
Sandringham	22	7	1	14	25	41	15
Moreland Thistle	22	6	3	13	27	47	15
Ferntree Gully	22	6	0	16	30	57	12
Park Rangers	22	1	2	19	19	73	4

DIVISION FOUR

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Mooroolbark	22	19	1	2	79	15	39
Western Suburbs ICI	22	18	2	2	86	21	38
Newport	22	15	2	5	75	29	32
Corio	22	11	4	7	62	33	26
Doncaster Rovers	22	11	2	9	52	38	24
Monash University	22	8	6	8	43	43	22
North Carlton Olympic	22	8	6	8	51	55	22
South Yarra	22	7	4	11	35	54	18
Eltham	22	8	0	14	49	62	16
Moorabbin	22	5	4	13	32	43	14
Mornington	22	4	2	16	30	70	10
Rosebud	22	1	1	20	11	142	3

THIRDS COMPETITION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Dandenong	18	15	0	3	77	21	30
Hakoah	18	12	1	5	58	42	25
Waverley	16	11	2	3	60	31	24
Croydon	18	11	2	5	38	36	24
Clayton	18	10	2	6	57	43	22
Ring. United	15	9	2	4	44	22	20
Springvale	17	8	0	9	39	53	16
Mooroolbark	17	8	0	9	35	49	16
Frankston	17	7	1	9	52	72	15
Univ. of Melb.	18	3	2	13	17	64	8
Doncaster	18	2	1	15	7	45	5
Brighton	18	1	1	16	15	21	3

Western Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Kingsville	16	13	2	1	75	18	28
Ardeer	17	10	5	2	37	18	25
Garden City	15	10	1	4	38	24	21
East Carlton	16	9	2	5	29	26	20
Melton	17	9	1	7	46	40	19
Pascoe Vale	15	6	0	9	36	31	12
North Sunshine	16	6	0	10	25	41	12
Yarraville	16	4	1	11	25	47	9
North Altona	16	4	1	11	19	58	9
Carlton	16	1	3	12	19	46	5

Central Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Elsternwick	16	11	3	2	56	17	25
Anstey	18	11	3	4	48	20	25
Fawkner	17	10	5	2	41	25	25
Fitzroy	16	11	2	3	55	18	24
Keon Park	17	8	4	5	42	17	20
Regent	16	6	4	6	36	33	16
West Preston	16	7	0	9	41	27	14
Middle Park	16	5	1	10	36	42	11
Lorimer United	16	1	0	15	9	16	2
Diamond Creek	16	1	0	15	7	156	2

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Eastern Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Chadstone	16	12	3	1	66	14	27
Frankston Pines	15	10	2	3	63	24	22
Oakleigh	14	10	2	2	43	24	22
Hawksburn	17	9	2	6	55	34	20
Northcote	13	9	1	3	41	16	19
Langwarrin	15	7	2	6	58	29	16
Cheltenham	16	6	1	9	25	60	13
Sth. Dandenong	15	2	3	10	29	49	7
Army Apprentices	12	2	0	10	23	66	4
Frognall United	17	0	0	17	14	104	0

Reserve Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Chadstone	16	14	2	0	38	6	30
North Sunshine	16	11	0	5	20	10	22
Fawkner	16	10	0	6	17	24	20
Langwarrin	15	8	2	5	22	22	18
East Carlton	15	8	1	6	12	3	17
Frankston Pines	16	7	2	7	31	32	16
Army Apprentices	14	5	1	8	5	24	11
South Dandenong	14	5	0	9	8	37	10
Carlton	17	4	1	12	12	7	9
Pascoe Vale	15	0	1	14	1	1	1

● The Metropolitan League XI has arranged a fixture with the La Trobe Valley League, to be played on September 28 in the La Trobe Valley. The League is also trying to arrange a match against an Indian Navy XI from a ship named the Delhi which will be in port on the same day.

UK Soccer details

ENGLISH LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal drew with Sheffield Wednesday 0-0, Crystal Palace d Stoke City 3-1, Derby County d Everton 2-1, Ipswich Town d Newcastle United 2-0, Leeds United drew with Manchester United 2-2, Liverpool d Coventry City 2-1, Manchester City drew with Chelsea 0-0, Southampton drew with Burnley 1-1, Sunderland drew with West Bromich Albion 2-2, Tottenham Hotspur d West Ham United 1-0, Wolverhampton Wanderers drew with Nottingham Forest 3-3.

SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa drew with Millwall 2-2, Blackburn Rovers d Middlesbrough 4-0, Blackpool d Swindon Town 3-2, Bolton Wanderers d Birmingham City 2-0, Bristol City drew with Preston North End 0-0, Carlisle United d Hull City 2-1, Charlton Athletic drew with Cardiff City 0-0, Leicester City d Portsmouth 2-1, Oxford United d Watford 2-1, Queen's Park Rangers d Hudderfield Town 4-2, Sheffield United d Norwich City 2-1.

THIRD DIVISION

Barnsley d Walsall 2-0, Brighton d Gillingham 3-1, Halifax d Stockport 2-0, Luton d Bristol Rovers 4-1, Mansfield d Bradford City 2-1, Reading d Doncaster 2-0, Rochdale d Barrow 1-0, Rotherham drew with Orient 0-0, Southport drew with Plymouth 0-0, Torquay d Bury 3-0, Bournemouth d Tranmere 5-1.

FOURTH DIVISION

Bradford drew with Chesterfield 1-1, Crewe d Peterborough 2-0, Darlington d Colchester 3-2, Hartlepool drew with Northampton 1-1, Oldham d Lincoln 1-0, New Port d Brentford 1-0, Nottingham County d Grimsby 2-1, Port Vale d Chester 3-0, Scunthorpe drew with Exeter 0-0, Swansea d Southend 2-0, Aldershot d Workington 2-1, Wrexham d York City 4-0.

STANDINGS
FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	6	2	0	20	9	14
Everton	6	1	1	15	6	13
Derby County	4	4	0	10	4	12
T'ham H'spur	5	1	2	14	8	11
Wlvrhmtn W	4	3	1	15	11	11
Coventry City	4	2	2	8	6	10
Leeds United	2	5	1	14	10	9
Stoke City	3	3	2	9	9	9
N'castle Utd	3	2	3	8	7	8
Arsenal	2	4	2	6	7	8
Nottingham F	2	4	2	8	10	8
M'chestr City	2	3	3	12	9	7
Crystal P.	2	3	3	10	11	7
Burnley	1	5	2	9	12	7
Chelsea	1	5	2	6	10	7
Southampton	2	2	4	15	15	6
Wst Ham Utd	2	2	4	6	8	6
Sheffield Wed.	2	2	4	9	14	6
M'chester Utd	1	4	3	8	14	6
Wst Bwch Alb	2	4	3	8	11	5
Ipswich Town	1	1	6	7	13	3
Sunderland	0	3	5	4	16	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Utd	6	1	1	17	6	13
Leicester City	5	1	1	13	6	11
Q Park Rngers	5	1	1	17	8	11
Cardiff City	4	3	1	11	7	11
Blackburn R	4	2	1	9	3	10
Huddersfield T	4	1	2	12	8	9
Norwich City	4	1	3	7	7	9
Charlton Ath	3	3	2	7	11	9
Swindon Town	3	2	2	15	10	8
Bolton Wand	3	2	2	12	7	8
Carlisle Utd	3	2	2	10	9	8
Hull City	3	1	4	7	9	7
Blackpool	3	1	3	9	13	7
Middlesbrough	3	1	4	7	12	7
Oxford United	3	0	3	7	7	6
Portsmouth	2	2	3	8	10	6
Preston NE	1	2	4	6	8	4
Birmingham C	1	2	4	6	11	4
Milwall	0	3	4	8	15	3
Bristol City	1	1	4	2	9	3
Aston Villa	0	2	5	3	10	2
Watford [illegible]						

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	5	1	0	14	3	11
Brighton	4	2	0	10	4	10
Barnsley	4	1	1	11	7	9
Bradford City	3	2	1	7	3	8
Torquay Utd	4	0	2	13	6	8
Orient	3	2	1	8	4	8
Bristol Rovers	3	2	1	13	9	8
D'caster Rvrs	3	1	2	5	3	7
Fulham	3	1	2	9	8	7
Rochdale	3	1	2	9	9	7
Reading	3	1	2	10	11	7
Tranmere Rvrs	3	0	3	12	13	6
Mansfield Tn	2	2	2	5	6	6
Halifax Town	2	2	2	3	4	6
Bournemouth	2	1	3	7	5	5
Bury	2	1	3	9	12	5
Plymouth Arg	2	1	3	6	8	5
Rotherham U	1	2	3	6	8	4
Walsall	1	2	3	6	10	4
Shrewsbury Tn	1	2	3	3	7	4
Southport	1	2	3	3	8	4
Barrow	1	4	4	4	10	3
Stockport Cty	1	0	5	1	7	2
Gillingham	0	0	6	3	12	0

FOURTH DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Port Vale	3	3	0	8	1	9
York City	4	1	1	10	7	9
Aldershot	3	2	1	9	6	8
Brentford	3	2	1	6	4	8
Wrexham	3	1	2	9	4	7
Grimsby Town	2	3	1	7	4	7
Souhtend Utd	3	1	2	11	8	7
Colchester U	2	3	1	10	8	7
Scunthorpe U	3	1	2	9	8	7
Chesterfield	2	2	2	5	3	6
Oldham Ath	2	2	2	5	4	6
Darlington	2	2	2	6	7	6
Newport Cnty	2	2	2	5	6	6
Chester	2	1	3	9	11	5
Workington	2	1	2	4	5	5
Notts County	1	3	2	4	5	5
Crewe Alex	2	1	3	7	9	5
Hartlepool	1	3	2	6	8	5
Ptrborough U	2	1	3	5	7	5
Swansea Town	1	3	2	5	9	5
Lincoln City	0	4	2	7	10	4
Bradford	1	2	3	5	9	4
Exeter City	1	1	4	4	8	3
N'thampton T	0	3	2	3	8	3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION

Aberdeen d Airdrie 4-3, Motherwell d Clyde 2-0, Dundee d Ayr 1-0, Dunfermline d Celtic 2-1, Hibernian d Partick Thistle 5-1, Kilmarnock d Raith 1-0, Morton d Dundee United 6-0, Rangers d St Mirren 2-0, St Johnstone drew with Hearts 3-3.

SECOND DIVISION

Berwick d Queens Park 3-0, Brechin drew with Cowdenbeath 1-1, Clydebank d Arbroath 2-0, Falkirk d East Fife 2-1, Dumbarton d Forfar 4-1, Alloa d Hamilton 4-2, Albion d Stenhousemuir 3-0, Queen Of South d Sterling Albion 2-0, Montrose d Stranraer 3-1.

STANDINGS
FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morton	3	0	0	9	1	6
Motherwell	3	0	0	6	1	6
Rangers	2	1	0	4	0	5
Dun Athletic	2	1	0	5	2	5
Aberdeen	2	0	1	10	5	4
Hibernian	2	0	1	7	4	4
St Johnstone	1	2	0	10	7	4
Ayr United	1	1	1	3	1	3
Celtic	1	1	1	7	6	3
Heart Of M	1	1	1	5	5	3
Raith Rovers	1	0	2	2	3	2
Dundee	1	0	2	2	4	2
Kilmarnoch	1	0	2	3	5	2
Dundee Utd	0	2	1	2	8	2
Partick Th	1	0	2	4	10	2
Clyde	0	1	2	2	10	1
Airdrieonians	0	0	3	4	7	0
St Mirren	0	0	3	1	7	0

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cowdenbeath	2	1	0	7	2	5
Montrose	2	1	0	8	3	5
Arbroath	2	1	0	5	2	5
Dumbarton	2	0	0	5	1	4
Queen of the South	2	0	0	4	0	4
Albion Rov	2	0	1	6	3	4
Berwick R	2	0	1	6	3	4
Falkirk	2	0	1	6	4	4
Queen's Pk	2	0	1	5	4	4
Brechin C	1	1	0	2	1	3
Stranraer	1	0	2	4	5	2
Alloa	1	0	2	4	6	2
Forfar Ath	1	0	2	4	9	2
Stirling Alb	0	1	1	1	3	1
Hamilton Ac	0	1	2	4	7	1
East Fife	0	0	3	2	4	0
E Sterlingsh	0	0	1	0	3	0
Stenhousemr	0	0	2	0	5	0
Clydebank	0	0	3	2	9	0

IRISH LEAGUE
ULSTER CUP

Linfield d Ballymena 2-1, Bangor drew with Glenavon 2-2, Cliftonville d Ards 1-0, [illegible] drew with Crusaders 2-2, Glentoran d Portadown 2-0.

ENGLISH RUGBY LEAGUE

Barrow d Workington Town 15-3, Leigh d Blackpool Borough 40-8, Bradford Northern d Wakefield Trinity 27-7, Bramley d Castleford 19-10, Hull-Kingston Rovers d Featherstone Rovers 30-14, Huddersfield d Halifax 12-5, Hull d Hunslet 16-5, Whitehaven d Wigan 11-5, Leeds d York 21-17.

Batley v Rochdale Hornets, night game.

RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

Croatia v. Lions 5-1, reserves (1-2), R'wood City Wihelmina v. Pt. Melb. Slavia 2-3, (3-2); Melbourne v. Box Hill 7-3, (3-2); Footscray JUST v. Sth. Melb. Hellas 2-2, (5-0); Juventus v. George Cross 5-0 (p.p.); Hakoah v. Polonia 3-0, (1-1).

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE
Division One

St. Albans Res. v. Coburg Res. 2-2.

Division Two

Waverley v. Richmond 1-2.

Division Four

Mooroolbark v. Monash Univ. 3-0, res. (4-0).

DOCKERTY CUP

Elwood Austria v. Newborough 2-1.

THIRDS COMPETITION

Univ. of Melb. v. Waverley 2-6, Mooroolbark v. Hakoah p.p., Dandenong v. Croydon 13-0.

FEDERATION CUP FINAL

Springvale v. Altona 1-3 after extra time. Full time 1-1.

EASTERN DIVISION:
Chadstone 4, Cheltenham Nil; Northcote City 1, Hawksburn Nil (abandoned at 70 minutes); Sth. Dandenong 1, Frankston Pines 6; Langwarrin 7, Army Apprentices Nil.

CENTRAL DIVISION:
Elsternwick 1, Fitzroy 2; Middle Park w.o. v. Lorimer; Diamond Creek 4, Fawkner 7.

WESTERN DIVISION:
North Sunshine Nil, Ardeer 1.

RESERVE DIVISION:
Chadstone 8, Fawkner 1; Sth. Dandenong w.o. v. Frankston Pines; Langwarrin 6, Army Apprentices 1.

LATROBE VALLEY
AUGUST 30

Seniors: Newborough 8, Rangers 1; Pegasus 3, Traralgon 0; Fortuna 4; Monash 3; Falcons v. Moe p'poned; Warragul, bye.
[illegible] Traralgon 1; Fortuna 7, Monash 1; Warragul, bye.

GEELONG-BALLARAT

First Division: Wendouree 1, Hamlyn Rangers 9; Belmont 2, Geelong City 5; Indesco v. Mt. Clear abandoned.

Second Division: Wendoree 0, Hamlyn Rangers 2; Belmont 0, Geelong City 1; Brintons w.o. Mt. Clear; Geelong 12, Langi Kal Kal 0.

AUSTRALIAN RESULTS

SATURDAY

Vic. — State League: Croatia 5, Lion 1; Wilhelmina 2, Slavia 3; Melbourne 7, Box Hill 3. **Metropolitan League: Div. Two.** — Waverley 1, Richmond 2. **Div. Four** — Mooroolbark 3, Monash Uni 0.

Federation Cup Final — Springvale 1, Altona 3, (after extra time).

Dockerty Cup Match. — Elwood Austria 2, Newborough 1.

NSW. — Federation: Div. One: No games played.

Div. Two: Round Robin — Marconi 0, Bankstown 2; Western suburbs 1, Sutherland 1;

Inter-suburban.

Div. One: Blacktown 1, Riverside 3. **Div. Two:** Enmore 2, Arncliffe 4;

North Div. Two: First semi-final. — Charlestown 3, Jesmond 2

QUEENSLAND — Div. One: Azzurri 4, Germania 2; **Div Two:** Toowong 2, Annerley 9; Latrobe 9, Newmarket 0; **Div. Three:** Forrest 0, Taringa 2.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA — Federation Cup, First Semi-finals. — Lion 2, Beograd 0. **Div. Three:** Taperoo 5, W.R.E. 0; Flinders 0 Sth. Adelaide 5; Graduates 3, Mitcham 2, Modbury 6 University 2; Don. 1, W. Torrens 0; Bye to Western Teachers.

TASMANIA. — North, Combined Cup Final: Georgetown 1, Launceston United 3. **South:** Rapid 3, Metro 0; Juventus 4, Olympia 1; Cracovia (Croatia) 6, Sth. Hobart 2; Eagles 6, Calies 0.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Div. Three: Bassendean 2, Dalmatinac 0; Croatia (WA) 3, Scarborough 2; Queen's Pk. 4, South Perth 1; Sports 1, Victoria Pk 12.

Sunday

VIC. — State League: JUST 2. Sth Melbourne 2; Juventus 5. George Cross 0; Hakoah 3, Polonia 0. **Victorian Metropolitan League: Div. Four: Ringwood v. Springvale,** match postponed.

NSW. — North. — Div. One: Semi-final (premiership competition): Adamstown 0, Weston 0 (replay next Saturday night). **Federation. — Div. One,** Round robin: Hakoah 1, Apia 4; South Coast 2 St George Budapest 4. **Sydney Inter-Suburban: Div. one** semi-finals: Concordia 4, Marrickville 0; Guildford 3, Belmore 2. **Div. Two** semi-final: Rovers 0, Ryde 0 (after extra time).

QUEENSLAND. — Div. One: St Helens 0, Hellenic 3; **Oxley 0, Thistle 1; Merton 3, Coalstars 5; Polonia 1, Hollandia 3. Div. Two: GAP 3, Easts 2; Dnipro 1, Budapest 3; Mitchelton 6, South Coast 3;** Willowburn 0, Wynnum 4. **Div. Three: Redcliffe 2, Mt Gravatt 4; Gold Coast 2, Redlands 2.**

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

STATE LEAGUE—Saturday

Lions v. J.U.S.T. (Essendon). Referee: Alexandrou.
Hellas v. Wilhelmina (Middle Park). Strafrace.
Slavia v. Hakoah (Port Melbourne). Yelland.

Sunday

George Cross v. Croatia (St. Kilda). Finnegan.
Box Hill v. Juventus (Box Hill). Harrison.
Polonia v. Melbourne (Maribyrnong). Mellings.

DOCKERTY CUP

Geelong v. St. Albans (Geelong). Wootton.

METROPOLITAN—First Division

Ringwood United v. Elwood Austria.

District League Sunday (Final Round)

Eastern Division: Frognall, bye; Oakleigh v. Chadstone, Frankston Pines v. Northcote City; Army Apprentices v. Sth. Dandenong, Cheltenham v. Langwarrin.

Central Division: Fitzroy v. Middle Park; West Preston v. Elsternwick; Keon Park v. Regent; Anstey, bye; Fawkner, bye.

Western Division: Melton, bye; North Altona v. East Carlton; Yarraville v. Carlton; Kingsville v. Pascoe Vale; Ardeer, bye; Garden City v. Nth. Sunshine.

Reserve Division: Nth. Sunshine, bye; Army Apprent. v. Sth. Dandenong; Fawkner v. Langwarrin.

Croatia forward Billy McIntyre and Lions goalie Heinz Wenzl fly for the ball in a goalmouth duel at Olympic Park on Saturday.

SPEEDY TEENAGER

Burnley's teenage winger Dave Thomas surprised everyone at Turf Moor by the speed with which he "came of age" as a soccer player.

One day he was just a youth team player, one of the club's many prospects. Then, almost overnight, he was a man, bigger and stronger and mentally more mature.

He stepped up into the first team and won a regular spot. England boss, Sir Alf Ramsey, noted him for an Under-23 cap.

Now Burnley manager Harry Potts thinks he has another player "doing a Thomas."

"He is Eric Probert," says Potts. "He could well be the next one to make the step up from youth to man. He's only 17, but already he has made the first team.

"It is always good to see a youngster make the big step-up early. Gives managers a real kick."

ELWOOD WIN

In the weekend's only Dockerty Cup game First Division side Elwood Austria had to struggle hard before beating country challengers Newborough 2-1.

FIRST AID

First Aiders classes will be held at Hakoah Junior Soccer Club rooms for those interested [illegible] soccer club.

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LEEDS-NOW THE ENTERTAINERS

After nailing the first division title they cherished after seven years of graft and disappointment, English champions Leeds United are now aiming to add a new dimension to their image — entertainment.

Their willingness to lay out big money on Leicester City striker Allan Clarke is evidence of the determination at Elland Road to convince the public that they are a positive attacking side.

Says manager Don Revie: "All those near misses in the championship were like heavy stones round the lads' necks. They were beginning to think that their work would never pay off.

"Now they have cracked that barrier I am sure they will play like champions again this season".

And the stage Revie sees for the final confirmation of his side's talents is Wembley Stadium. Two disappointing there didn't help the Leeds image, particularly in the south.

"We want to go back to Wembley with a full house and the television cameras to show the entire country we are not obsessed with defence or method.

"We have 10 full internationals in the side. We are just coming to full maturity in age and playing experience.

"With that title win behind them I am certain the lads will prove they are a great side in the next season or so.

"The only danger I see is if they think they have done it and can now walk about and get results. But we have new challenges to meet and they have the character to keep their heads down".

Certainly Revie will set his men new targets. The European and FA Cups have still to be won.

"You have to keep reaching higher all the time", says the Leeds boss. "You can't afford to sit back and congratulate yourself.

"We have reached one major goal by winning the title. It was a tremendous emotional struggle but that is over. I think we can now be as attractive as any side in the country".

TIME WILL TELL FOR BLACKBURN

English League side Blackburn Rovers are facing a season that could be the most vital in their history.

Now in their fourth term in division two, they are gambling heavily on new players signed in the close season winning them promotion and bringing back the fans to Ewood Park.

Despite some desperately low gates of less than 10,000, Blackburn laid out close on $200,000 in signing centre-half Alan Hunter from Oldham and winger Brian Hill from Huddersfield.

Says team boss Eddie Quigley: "It was a big gamble and I am happy that the directors gave their support.

"I feel that had we had these players last season we would not have faded out of the promotion race.

"But they were not available then. Now we can expect to go well this season and be in with a promotion

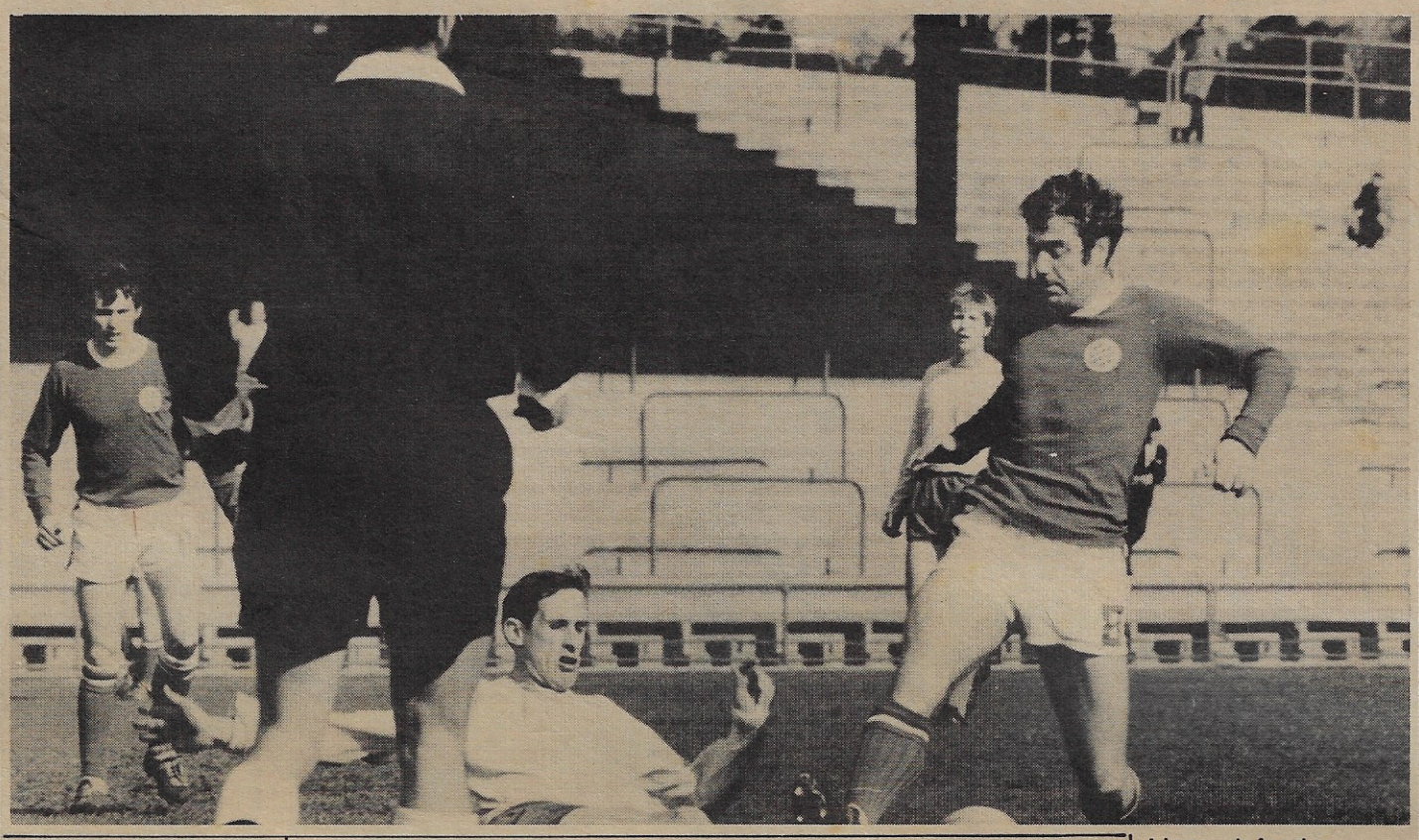
"It was a risk well worth taking. If you don't aim to improve yourself and your status you shouldn't be in the game.

"What we must hope for now is that the fans respond. We gave them a clear indication of our determination to get back into the first division.

"Our stadium at Ewood is worthy of a top club . . . our training facilities at Altham equal any in the country."

Manager Quigley finished: "But it really depends on the fans. We have made every effort to give them success.

"A great deal of cash has been laid out in the process. We have gambled our future on the support of the people of Blackburn".



Lions defender Tommy Roseweir goes down to tackle Croatia's Peter Davies in their match at the weekend.

BLACKPOOL going up?

Blackpool have fought a losing battle to stay in the top flight since the maximum wage disappeared. Have they found their true financial level in division two?

Manager Les Shannon said: "Nobody connected with the club thinks so. And I haven't come here to produce a solid second division outfit.

"My aim is promotion as quickly as possible. There is a great tradition here and a couple of seasons in division two has not changed that".

TIT FOR TAT

Mike Weinstein, Charles Hay and Jack Jacobs are all highly respected names in Soccer circles.

Guess where they were last Saturday? Perhaps Sir Kenneth Luke will attend our Dockerty Cup semi-final.

TAFFY LOOKS AT POOLS

Here are my selections for next Saturday week, September 20, when the following are a monty to win at home to save our stakes:

EIGHT AND NINE RESULTS

Derby County, *Leeds United, *Liverpool, Wolverhampton, *Aston Villa, Blackpool, *Queens Park Rangers, Brighton, Halifax, *Luton Town, Rochdale, *Bradford, Lincoln City *Swansea Town, Hibernians, *East Sterling.

FOUR AWAYS

*Everton, Portsmouth, *Cardiff City, Colchester, *Aldershot, Ayr United.

THREE DRAWS

Southampton v. Newcastle, Mansfield v. Bristol Rovers, Newport v. Southend.

And now for the big money with the elusive eight draws; here are my selections:

TREBLE CHANCE POOL

Arsenal v. Manchester United, *Southampton v. Newcastle, Sunderland Nottingham Forest, *Carlisle v. Preston, Leicester City v. Huddersfield, *Oxford United v. Middlesborough, *Mansfield v. Bristol Rovers, *Southport v. Stockport, Tranmere v. Bury, *Crewe v. Oldham, *Newport v. Southern United, *Notts County v. Exeter City, *Dunfermline v. Hearts, St. Johnstone v. Aberdeen,

* Indicates best selections. All the best—TAFFY.

WARNING FOR THE PROMOTED FOUR

An open message to Doncaster Rovers, Bradford City, Rochdale and Halifax Town . . . "Don't make too many mistakes this season, or else."

Those are the four clubs who gained promotion from the English fourth to the third division last season. If they want to retain their new status they should heed the warning.

It comes from Gus McLean, manager of Hartlepool, who gained promotion the season before last, spent last term "upstairs", and went back down again.

The third division must hold many horrors for promoted clubs. Remember, Crewe also made the round trip with Hartlepool.

Warns manager McLean: "Any mistakes these sides make will be cashed in on in the third division. That's what we found.

"You can get away with many mistakes in the fourth division, but not the third".

McLean also makes the point that life is tougher in the third.

"We had many more injuries," he said. "They included a broken jaw, torn ligaments and a broken finger on top of the normal injuries".

But he feels his side have learned their lesson for when they go back into the third — and he believes they will next season.

"The gap isn't too big. We should have stayed up. Next time we won't make those mistakes."

TIE-UP WOULD PAY OFF

"If the talents of these two players could somehow be married into one, we'd have a $400,000 centre-forward!"

Rotherham boss Jim McAnearney, talking about two of his bright No. 9 hopefuls, 19-year-old Steve Downes and 17-year-old Trevor Womble.

Downes has already made several first team appearances. He has proved to have a powerful shot in either foot and is very good in the air.

Yet he lacks one vital ingredient for a centre-forward — aggression.

Says McAnearney: "Steve has tremendous technical skills but must be more aggressive. He allows himself to be bundled off the ball too often.

"I think I have got through to him on this aspect but only this season will tell.

"Womble's great asset is his aggression. No opposing player can rest when Trevor is around. He makes them chase every ball. But he lacks the pure soccer skills of Downes."

Between them worth $400,000 — but both have to improve.

MIKE RUNS INTO TROUBLE

Manchester City winger Mike Summerbee is a great player but he often gets into trouble with the fans.

"They like to have a go at me," he says. The question of bad language comes up but how can they accuse me of that when you listen to the things they say to me?

"I am used to this sort of thing but as soon as I answer them back they send for a policeman!"

Poor fan

Everton forward Alan Ball missed out on all the sunbathing sessions when the England team were in Mexico recently for a World Cup try-out.

Said Alan: "I told the other fellows to get browned-off as much as they liked.

"All the sun does for me is burn my nose so bad it starts peeling."

JIMMY STRIKES A BLOW

Most players prefer to opt out of specialised striking roles. Mistakes are so exposed there.

But Huddersfield manager Ian Greaves can expect an argument any time he asks Jimmy Lawson to revert back to his old midfield beat.

"I signed Jimmy as a midfield player from Middlesbrough," said Greaves. I tried him as a striker midway through last season.

"He really enjoyed his game but at that time I didn't see it as a permanent switch.

"Not, that is, until I suggested to Jimmy that he move back. He pleaded with me to keep him as a striker.

"It's a pleasure to come across somebody who is keen to get into the firing line these days.

"Jimmy was doing so well in midfield that I had my doubts about moving him, but his keenness to stay up front decided the issue."

LIVERPOOL PLANS

Liverpool are banking on pulling in an extra few hundred regulars at home games this season.

If they get them the result could be that that magical one million aggregate attendance for home League games would finally be reached.

Liverpool have been edging towards it for the past four seasons.

In these four successive years the home League aggregate at Anfield has set fresh records each time.

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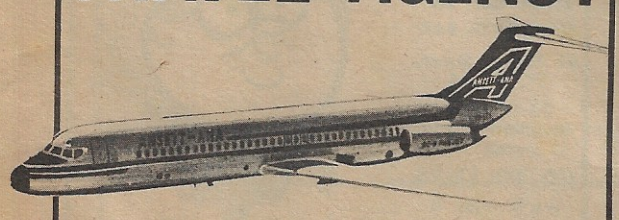

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